

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-10 and 12-14 remain pending in this application. By the amendment submitted herewith, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 11, 15, and 16, has amended claim 3 to independent form, including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2 from which it depended, and has amended claim 8 to depend from claim 3 rather than claim 1.

Applicant notes that an Office Action having an indicated mailing date of December 22, 2004 was received, followed by a Supplemental Office Action having a mailing date of February 15, 2005 which noted an error in the mailing date of the December 22, 2004 Office Action. The Supplemental Office Action indicated that the time period for Applicant's response would be restarted, thus this response is being timely submitted, *i.e.*, prior to three months from the February 15, 2005 Supplemental Office Action.

In the Supplemental Office Action of February 15, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 11, 15, and 16, allowed claims 13 and 14, and indicated that claims 3-10 and 12 were allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 11, 15, and 16, however, by the amendment submitted herewith, Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 11, 15, and 16. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the disallowed claims in a continuation application. Also by the amendment submitted herewith, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent format, incorporating all of the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 2 from which it depended, and the dependency of claim 8 has been changed to depend from claim 3 rather than from claim 1.

Thus, Applicant believes that claims 3-10 and 12-14 are now in form for allowance and eventual issuance, such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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